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Title: SUBSTITUTION-BOX FOR SYMMETRIC-KEY CIPHERS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

11. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 9, wherein the selection of the permutation is performed under control of one bit of the encryption key.

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment to the claim 11 was made solely to avoid filing the claims in the multiple defendant form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.

The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserve all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore

reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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APPENDIX

11. (amended) A method as claimed in claim 9-~~and 10~~, wherein the selection of the permutation is performed under control of one bit of the encryption key.